

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-10 and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, claim 1 was rejected as being vague, indefinite confusing and/or incorrect for reciting "arabinogalactin" instead of "arabinogalactan." Claim 1 has been amended to correct this obvious typographical error. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn. The rejection of claims 8-10, which were rejected for being dependent upon rejected claim 1, should also be withdrawn. Claim 24 has been cancelled making the rejection of this claim moot.

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Stanford as evidenced by Engelmayer. Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chugh. Claims 23-25 have been cancelled. Accordingly, these rejections are now all moot.

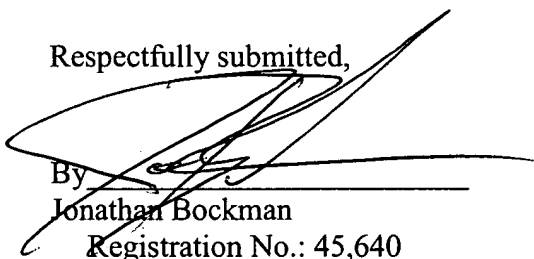
The amendments made by applicants simply comply with matters of form set forth in the action and cancel claims. The amendments do not change the scope of the pending claims and, accordingly, should be entered after final.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 229752000600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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